THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Oil been discovered at Gandhar in Combay Basin.

(b) and (c) The field is still in the assessment stage.

(d) The following discoveries of oil were made by ONGC during the last two years:

—Gandhar, South Mewad, Dahej, Limbodra, Pakhajan in Gujarat.

—Kuargaon and Changmaigaon in Assam.

—Narimanam in Tamil Nadu.

—B-178, D-18, KD1, B-172 in West Coast offshore.

Production of crude oil

880. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of crude oil during 1985 as compared to 1984;

(b) what is the import of crude oil in 1985 as compared to 1984 along with the amount of import; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to increase the production and to reduce the import during the next two years and what is the expected saving in foreign exchange thereby during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is as under:—

	1984	1985*
Indigenous production of crude oil (Million Tonnes)	27·9	29·9
Gross imports of crude oil (Million Tonnes)	14·6	14·8
Value of grooss imports of crude in crores	3525·15	3805·74

*Provisional

(c) Some of the steps proposed to increase the production of crude oil and move towards self-sufficiency are:—

(i) Intensification of exploration which may eventually lead to enhanced production.

(ii) Intensification of work-over operations.

(iii) Use of enhanced oil recovery techniques.

(iv) Induction of advanced technology.

(v) Conservation measures aimed to curb consumption.

It is not possible to reliably quantity the saving of foreign exchange in the next two years due to the above.

Production of LPG

881. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the production of LPG in 1985 as compared to 1984;

(b) what is the consumption of LPG in 1985 as compared to 1984; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to produce LPG to meet the demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) The production of LPG in 1985 was approximately 1130,000 Tonnes as against 844,000 Tonnes in 1984.

(b) The consumption of LPG in 1985 was approximately 1161,000 Tonnes as against 886,000 Tonnes in 1984.

(c) LPG availability is likely to increase with the Commissioning stabilisation of the following:--

(i) ONGC's fractionation plant at Hazira.

(ii) Barauni Refinery's coker plant.

(iii) Stabilisation of the expanded capacities of the refineries at Cochin, Madras, Vishakhapatnam and Bombay (Bharat Petroleum Corporation).

(iv) Commissioning of additional bottling capacity

Shortage of electricity in Delhi

882. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state: (a) whether Government are aware that the Delhities are facing acute shortage of electricity during the summer season continuously for the last few years; and

(b) what precautionary measures have been taken by Government to overcome the situation in the forthcoming summer months of May and June?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) The power requirement of Delhi during the summer in the last few years has been, by and large, fully met and no shortage conditions have been experienced. To further augment the power availability in Delhi, six gas turbine units of 30 MW each are being installed during 1986-87.

Increasing the commission of petrol dealers

883. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking in terms of increasing the commission of petrol dealers in view of recent hike in the prices of petroleum products;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from All India Petrol Dealers Association highlighting the plight of dealers;

(c) whether the commission of petrol dealers work out to less than 1.5 per cent; whether there is any proposal to increase the commission on lubrication oil which has dropped from 25 per cent to 6 per cent;

(d) whether petrol dealers have represented that they should be allowed to charge for air, as air compressors, electricity and wage bills have gone high;

(e) what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(f) how much commission was 20 years ago in terms of percentage of the cost of the product and how much it is at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) There is an inbuilt formula by which the commission to RPO dealers gets increased automatically from the date of increase in the prices of petroleum products.